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FEDERAL INMATE SENTENCED FOR MAILING THREATENING LETTER TO FEDERAL JUDGE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that an Oregon man has been sentenced in federal court for mailing a threatening letter to a federal judge.

Bruce Dewayne Jensen, 28, of Oregon, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr on March 25, 2005, to five years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Jensen** to pay a \$3,000 fine. Graves noted that this sentence reflects the statutory maximum penalty for mailing a threatening letter.

On Nov. 24, 2004, **Jensen** pleaded guilty to mailing a threatening letter to U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple at the U.S. District Court offices in Kansas City, Mo. The letter, Graves said, was sent on Oct. 19, 2003, while **Jensen** was serving a federal prison sentence at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo. **Jensen** was incarcerated for threatening the President of the United States while he was an inmate in an Oregon state prison. Although released from the federal facility after serving that sentence, **Jensen** continued to be detained in federal custody on the current offense.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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